

**House of Representatives
Juvenile Justice and Family Law
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE
September 17, 2003	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Juvenile sex offenders in schools.	Work Session
September 18-19		Olympia	Full Committee	Domestic Violence A. Progress report from various organizations working to address domestic violence issues. B. Report from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence on the December 2002 Domestic Violence Fatality Review.	Work Session
October	TBA	SeaTac	Full Committee	Discussing changes to the juvenile justice system with juvenile court judges and administrators during the judges' conference (probably in SeaTac).	TBA
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Domestic violence and law enforcement.	Work Session
December 4-5		Olympia	Full Committee	A. Recommendations for legislation addressing juvenile sex offenders in schools. B. Discussion on juveniles found not guilty by reason of insanity.	Work Session

Project Title: Adolescent mental health

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference: HB 1320; HB 1612

Other Resources:

Project Description: For the past two sessions, the committee held several work sessions and hearings to explore the issues in mental health treatment for minors. The issues included a parent's ability to seek treatment for his or her minor child, a child's ability to refuse treatment, and education and training of mental health treatment providers. The committee will continue to examine these unresolved issues. The committee will also examine how the providers, agencies, and other organizations are implementing the new requirements regarding notification (HB 1612).

Project Title: An examination of the juvenile justice system

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum and Trudes Hutcheson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will begin a discussion with juvenile court judges and administrators regarding the need, if any, for legislative changes in the juvenile justice system. After the conversation with the judges and administrators, the committee may contact other interest groups (prosecutors, defense attorneys, and child advocates) for input.

The committee will meet with the judges and administrators during the juvenile court judges association's summer conference in SeaTac. The committee will also hold a work session to discuss the feasibility of implementing any suggested changes.

Project Title: Domestic violence and law enforcement

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Trudes Hutcheson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Due to recent events, domestic violence issues have been prominent. In particular, there has been much attention given to the unusual issues that might arise when an alleged abuser is a member of law enforcement. The committee will explore the issues and research what policies and procedures currently exist in various law enforcement agencies. The committee will work with interest groups, including victim advocates and law enforcement agencies, to determine if changes would be beneficial. The committee will hold two work sessions to begin the discussion and explore the issues.

Project Title: Juvenile sex offenders attending schools

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine how the state can achieve a balance between meeting its obligation to educate all children while ensuring the safety of other students. The committee will research the existing practices in various school districts and explore possible alternatives for developing reasonable educational planning for juvenile sex offenders. The committee will work with JRA, DSHS, OSPI, school districts, and others. The committee will hold a work session to discuss options and legislation.

Project Title: Juveniles found not guilty by reason of insanity

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine the policy and procedural issues involved when juveniles who have been charged with an offense are found not guilty by reason of insanity. Currently, there are no statutes or procedures specifically addressing the treatment, placement, or supervision of this category of juveniles. The committee will examine the laws for adults found not guilty by reason of insanity and will discuss whether those laws, when applied to juveniles, meet the needs of juveniles and the goals of the juvenile justice system.